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SABOTAGE, PRODUCTION DIFFICULTIES
REPORTED IN HUNGARIAN INDUSTRY, MINES

MINERS ARRESTED -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 6 Jan 51

Recent accidents in Tatabanya are further proof that the Soviet-ordered work tempo is commensurate neither with the safety devices of the mines, nor with the workers' production capacity. Miners are sabotaging the rush work. At Ozd, daily production fell below 80 percent and because of the low wages, a riot almost broke out during the first 2 weeks of December. On 15 December six miners complained that after deductions, their semimonthly pay amounted to only a few forints. As a result of their complaint, Lajos Farkas, a senior miner and union member, was arrested and taken to the State Security Authority station and has not been seen since. The six miners received 50 forints reimbursement each, on the grounds that the case will be investigated thoroughly later. Learnings of the above incident, Farkaslyuk miners were about to strike when party leaders arrived and dissuaded them.

A water line has been destroyed in a mine at Tolap where a shaft is being sunk, and 200 meters of an important section of the mine are unusable. The pumps are not working, and 300 cars of coal have been lost in 2 weeks. In addition, coal production dropped 20 cars per day because the locomotive of the industrial line which hauls the coal has been damaged and coal must be transported by hand. In spite of the fact that 16 miners were arrested in eastern Hungary in the period before Christmas, indications are that the arrests have not stifled the growing resistance.

STARVATION LABOR REPORTED AT DUNAPENTELE CAMP -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 13 Jan 51

The "Youth Peace Camp" at Dunapentele is slowly becoming a compulsory interment camp. Shipments of equal numbers of youths and old people arrive daily. For the first few days, the youths sing and work enthusiastically, the older workers, however, perform their work stoically and their faces are care-worn. Unemployment is being liquidated in the Soviet style. The older workers, mostly business clerks and officials who lost their positions, receive 18 forints 50 fillers for 10 hours of labor per day. They live in cold barracks and perform physical labor to avoid starving to death.

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A group of 200 former monks who had been under guard at Kistarcsa and Hajduboszormeny arrived on 2 December under heavy police escort. Now, instead of police guard, they receive 2 forints per day. Youths at the camp share their food rations with the physically and spiritually broken priests.

It is planned to increase the number of workers to 18,000 and the number of internees to 5,000 by spring 1951.

Party members are very active at the construction site. A Dunapentele Camp party unit has been organized and the workers -- including nonparty members -- must attend a 4-hour seminar and 2 hours of instruction in the Russian language per week.

An 11-member plant central committee supervises the construction, and a net of secret informers has been planted even in the workers' quarters. A 150-member Agitprop (Agitation and Propaganda) Corps is in operation at the site. These are "independent," full-time party workers who are not required to do construction work, but are paid for agitation and for preaching the advantages of socialism.

PRODUCTION LOW, MINERS PROHIBITED FROM MOVING -- New York, Riporter es Hírek Magyarorszagrol, 13 Jan 51

Rumors are circulating to the effect that the administration of mining industry manpower will be revised. Under no conditions may miners change either their jobs or their addresses. Miners living long distances from the mines may ask permission to have their families moved. Dwellings in mining towns and suburban industrial centers are being provided from the homes left by evacuated party enemies. According to the protests of the Communists, lax discipline and poor work organization are hindering production. The production of almost all mines during December was under prescribed norms.

81 DIE IN MINE BLAST -- Munich, Hungaria, 12 Jan 51

A mine gas explosion in shaft No 12 of the mines at Tatabanya resulted in the death of 81 miners. The cause of the explosion has not yet been officially determined, but rumors among the miners blame lax safety precautions due to the increased norms.

ABSENTEEISM DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS HELD MAIN PROBLEMS -- Budapest, Nepszava, 29 Dec 50

Hundreds of thousands of Hungarian industrial workers will learn in detail the productions plans of their respective plants in the course of mass meetings to be held during the next few days.

At several large Budapest plants, such as Ganz Danubius Shipyards, Matyas Rakosi Works, Hofherr Tractor Works, Ganz Electric Works, Lang Machine Works, United Incandescent, Hungarian Cotton Industry, etc., meetings have already been held with the active participation of the technical managements and workers.

At the Ganz Danubius Shipyards the chief engineer pointed out that the main problems are worker absenteeism, an excessive percentage of rejects, and waste of material.

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At the Matyas Rakosi Works, production of machine tools must be increased by 40 percent. This object can be achieved only by greater productivity, extension of competitive work, better cooperation between workers and management, mass training of skilled workers, reduction in defective products, and improvement in the poor shop organization.

At the Hungarian Cotton Industry, the technical management pointed out that 20 percent of the workers fail to fulfill their individual quotas, absenteeism is excessive, and the quality of products has dropped.

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